



Neighbor to Neighbor



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Christmas Season is upon us and once again holiday traditions are on display along with festive decorations. One tradition that is important to all of us is shopping for gifts to bring joy to friends and family, and especially the children. Like many of you, I ventured out after Thanksgiving to get a start on shopping. If you have yet to visit one of our newest stores, Aurora Rose, please do so at Old Willow. The store will impress you with its uniqueness right off to bat. The variety of customized gifts rival any you can find at the trendy big-mall shops.

Please remember this Christmas to stop anywhere along Archer Avenue at any of our fine dining establishments or sandwich shops to purchase a great gift certificate present for someone. If you are a weekend handyman like I am, tools or a certificate from the hardware store always is a nice gift. Gas cards, coffee, a new bike for a young one—you can find all of that right outside your back door.

As we are reminded each Thanksgiving, despite life's challenges, all of us have things for which to be grateful. We all were reminded of the great sacrifices military families make throughout the year, but especially during the holidays. Many of our Veterans from town attended the November 13 Veterans Day Celebration at Toyota Park. Veterans and their guests dined on a delicious buffet and listened to the patriotic music provided by a 20-piece orchestra. All of this was made possible by the work of volunteers and donations from Willow Springs, along with the Villages of Bridgeview, Bedford Park and Justice. The Willow Springs Family/Veterans Relief Fund contributed \$500 to support our Veterans. The Relief Fund is supported through private donations and through the proceeds of the Willow Springs Benefit Car Show.

This summer's Benefit was the most successful of the four car shows. More than 3,000 turned out on a rare humidity-free evening to view 300 Classic Autos in the Village Center. Thank you to all who attended the many donors and numerous volunteers who worked so hard to raise money to support local Families and Veterans.

Thank you to all our residents who came out to support our September 11th Remembrance. The event was hosted through the volunteer efforts of the Willow Springs Park Committee. Thank you to our local Scouts and their families, and to the policemen and firemen who participated in honoring the memory of those who gave their lives on that fateful day 10 years ago.

Please join me on at the Village Hall on January 28th at from 10 a.m. until noon for "Coffee with the Mayor." These informal conversations always bring out some great ideas and suggestions from the audience and help everyone to learn more about our Village. I look forward to seeing you there.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alan

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Willow Springs Honors Veterans



On November 13, the Village of Willow Springs was one of four villages to sponsor a Veteran's Day Celebration to honor our local Veterans. Willow Springs Veterans who attended were treated to dinner and entertainment. The event was funded through donations from local businesses and individuals.

Along with Willow Springs, the Villages of Bedford Park, Bridgeview and Justice joined together for a great cause to honor those who gave so much for our great country. Along with the food and entertainment, a collection of military vehicles and memorabilia was on display to add to the USO theme of the evening. All the veterans received a commemorative coin as a remembrance of the event.

Willow Springs resident Jack Wilson, who will celebrate his 101st Birthday in February, received a plaque of special recognition. Jack's grandson, Kevin Phillips, accepted the plaque on his grandfather's behalf. Sergeant Kevin Phillips lives in Willow Springs and has served 20 years in the Air Force; he is a part-time Village employee while continuing to serve in the active reserves.

The Village acknowledges Veterans, past and present, and thanks them for our freedom. The four Village sponsors of the Veteran's Celebration plan to make this an annual Veterans Day tradition for our area, and include participation from more towns.

Technical Sgt. Kevin Phillips, U.S. Air Force Reserve, receives a Special Recognition award from Mayor Alan Nowaczyk on behalf of his WWII Veteran grandfather, Jack Wilson, who turns 101 in February.



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Your friends at the Village Hall



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W.S. Children's Christmas Party

Call to Register: Village Hall 708 467-3700

Location: 8900 Archer "Willowbrook Ballroom"
(Santa, lunch, surprise and fun)

3:00p.m.

Reindeer Rides

at Village Hall ~ One Village Circle
(Reindeers courtesy of Memory Lane Stables)

4:30p.m.

Tree Lighting at One Village Circle

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We will never forget September 11, 2001



Village Officials join with members of the Police, Fire and Local Boy Scouts to commemorate September 11th.



~In Memory of Louis Dudek~



Friends of LTHS student Louie Dudek rallied around their 18 year old friend who passed away in April from lymphoma. Louie's friends raised money to plant a tree and place a commemorative bench at Willow Park.

Village works to improve infrastructure through partnerships

The Village of Willow Springs partnered with other government agencies this construction season to further improve local infrastructure.

Working together with Mayor Alan Nowaczyk, newly-elected Cook County Commissioner Jeff Tobolski was able to move Nolton Avenue up on the County's list of road programs. Only a year on the job, Commissioner Tobolski honored his commitment to gaining County financial support for projects in Willow Springs. The roadway was repaved and widened, creating safer passage to Willow Springs School.

Mayor Nowaczyk, who also serves as a commissioner on the Justice-Willow Springs Water Commission, worked to coordinate a joint effort to replace a water main on Park Street in conjunction with repaving the road which leads to the newly renovated Lions Park. Partnering with the JWSWC, the Village was able to save one-half the cost of paving work on Park Street.

In addition to the new water service and pavement, additional parking was added next to Lions Park to help finish off recreational improvements at the park. The newly added spray pool and playground equipment renovations were funded through a \$400,000 Lyons Township Grant the Village received to renovate both Lions and Willow parks.

The Village street program continued this year with various preventative maintenance, pot hole repairs and alley maintenance in anticipation of future road projects in the Village. Crack filling was completed on 91st Street from County Line to Wolf, and streets the Windings, Reserve and Knolls. Willowshire Phase 1, Scenic and Crestview Drives. These streets were eligible for preventative maintenance which preserves the life of the roadways.



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A special thank you goes out to the many Volunteers who donated so much of their time and talents to make this Benefit Show another tremendous success.

Cub Scouts Engineer an Evening of Learning and Fun

Local Cub Scouts visited the Village Hall November 16 to learn about surveying and reading building plans as part of a project to move on to becoming Boy Scouts. With the assistance of Village Engineer John Hoefflerle and two surveyors from his office, the Scouts also learned about locating metal stakes. The Scouts then ventured outside to further put their newly learned skills to use.



Prepare Now for a Safe Commute This Winter

The unpredictable winter weather will soon be upon us. Here are a few things you can do to help make your commutes safer.

Driving Tips:

- Decrease your speed and increase your following distance.
- Avoid unnecessary lane changes.
- Warm your vehicle prior to driving to allow windows to defrost.
- Drive with your headlights on to increase visibility.
- If you are involved in a collision, **STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE** with your seat belt on, that's the safest place to be.



Check vehicle equipment:

- Check tires for adequate tread depth and proper inflation.
- Replace worn windshield wiper blades.
- Fill windshield washer with a nonfreezing cleaning fluid.
- Check and replace defective lights.
- Check fluid levels including oil and anti freeze.
- Check and replace worn hoses and belts.

Plan trips:

- Pay attention to weather and traffic reports; use social media sites like Twitter to get up to the minute traffic, roadway, and collision information.
- Allow extra travel time.
- Avoid unnecessary trips.

What to bring:

- During winter months consider carrying additional equipment in your vehicle such as tire chains, a shovel, first aid supplies, gloves, a flashlight, blankets, and an ice scraper.

“Las Vegas Night”



The Willow Springs Lions Club hosted its annual “Las Vegas Night” November 4 at the Royalty West. Club members staffed the gambling tables and were assisted during the evening by members of the Willow Springs Lioness.

Area residents were treated to a great evening of Las Vegas-style gambling featuring Blackjack, Roulette, Texas Hold-Em, Poker, Dice, raffles and door prizes. Proceeds from the event go toward the Lions many charitable causes throughout the year.

Popular Mechanics offers these 7 steps to a warmer house and a lower heating bill:

- 1. Add Weather-stripping** Replace worn-out weather-stripping. Pay close attention to seals on doors that get a lot of use—such as those on the front of the house or between the house and attached garage.
- 2. Improve Windows** If you're not ready to spring for new windows, fix up the ones you have by replacing latches that don't grip tightly, adding weather-stripping or making repairs to storm windows that are stuck open. You can even build simple wood-and-glass interior or exterior storm windows. Installing a storm window on the inside or outside of an old-fashioned single-glazed window doubles its R value (to 2 or slightly better, about equivalent to an entry-level insulated glass window).
- 3. Tune Up Boilers and Furnaces** Oil-fired boilers and furnaces need a yearly cleaning and tune-up. Gas-fired furnaces and boilers can go longer without it, but if you haven't had a gas appliance tuned up in two or more years, schedule this as soon as possible.
- 4. Deal with Air Conditioners** There is no effective way to insulate a window air conditioner. Remove it. Install an insulated cover on through-the-wall air conditioners. Consider replacing these appliances and stepping up to central air if your budget allows it.
- 5. Patrol for Heat Leaks** Take some time on a bright Saturday morning and have a look around the house, especially in dark crawlspaces, attics and any rooms above a garage. Use spray foam to seal gaps where you see daylight entering. Likewise seal around gaps where pipes and wires enter the attic from the floor below.
- 6. Insulate Drop-Down Stairs** Buy a polystyrene hood to fit over the opening for the drop-down stairs that lead to the attic. You can also build one yourself using polystyrene panels and construction adhesive.
- 7. Cover Fireplaces** A fireplace is nothing more than a direct hole to the outside. If the fireplace is unused, close the damper and install a removable panel built of drywall glued to a piece of polystyrene insulation. Install airtight glass doors in a metal frame over working fireplaces.

Bring Electronics to Fire Department January 1

Beginning January 1, 2012, Public Act 97-0287 bans seventeen electronic products from landfills. The landfill ban includes: TVs, computers (including desktop, notebook, tablet), monitors, printers, computer peripherals, VCRs/DVD players, gaming systems, MP3 players, scanners, fax machines and small scale servers. These will all be banned from Illinois landfills.

Discarded electronic products contain toxic materials such as lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium and beryllium that must be properly managed to prevent soil and ground water contamination. These items can be properly managed through recycling and reuse. Obsolete electronic products also contain valuable materials that can be recycled for reuse such as copper, gold and circuit chips – just to name a few of the reusable materials.

Much like hazardous materials, the Village's trash collector will not pick up these products after January 1st.

The Willow Springs Fire Department will accept all of your electronics for recycling! Bring your electronics to the station located at 8259 Willow Springs Road. This NO CHARGE service is provided by Vintage Tech Recycling in association with the West Central Municipal Conference.



Keeping Safe at Home

Willow Springs is a nice quiet place to live but we are just as vulnerable as anybody else when it comes to crimes of opportunity. We periodically receive questions from residents about steps they can take to help secure their homes. Some common sense tips on residential crime prevention and minimizing burglary opportunities are provided for your convenience.

When not at home, use timers and lights to illuminate portions of your house. A dark house is an obvious indicator to a potential burglar that nobody is at home.

Use the locks that you have on your doors and windows when you are not at home. Burglars are always looking for “easy access” and it doesn’t get any easier than an open door or window.

Don’t leave your overhead garage door or service door open when you leave the house. They provide easy access and an open invitation.

If you are going to be gone for a few days ask a relative, a trusted neighbor, or friend to collect your mail and newspapers, and periodically check on your home. If that is not an option, take the time to stop your mail, newspapers, and any other scheduled deliveries. The accumulation of mail, or newspapers, or water bottles is another sure indication that the house is not occupied.

Use outdoor lighting and motion activated lights to your advantage. Illuminate areas around your home to improve visibility from the street or from your neighbor’s homes. This will reduce a burglar’s ability to conceal himself.

Check your landscaping to see if it provides cover or concealment to someone attempting to gain entry to your home through a lower level window. Trim bushes and shrubs as necessary or think about changing the landscaping to minimize any problems.



Winter Parking Restrictions

Residents are reminded that there are local restrictions that limit parking on Village streets to accommodate snow removal. The ordinance helps to eliminate safety hazards and allows public works to safely clean the entire street. Violators may be ticketed, and/or have their vehicles relocated depending on the individual incident. The ordinance reads as follows:

11-5D-2 Prohibited Parking

Snow Removal: It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street in the Village at any time within twelve (12) hours after a snowfall of two inches (2”) or more has occurred.

Village transforms open land to recreational space

The future site of an indoor Metra station, the open land next the Village Hall is being transformed from its uneven bumpy condition to a level surface to accommodate activities such as playing soccer, baseball, ice skating or strolling with your dog.

Through a partnership with Village contractor Western Utility, Willow Springs was able to obtain clean fill for the land at little or no cost to create useful space for area residents.

The Village continues to work with surrounding communities on the Heritage Line to bring additional train service to the area. Proposals to add as many as three additional trains to the daily schedule are pending study. Once service along the line is improved, Metra and the Village will work together to add a station and parking to the site. Additional room will be left to lure business and further create a park-like setting at the site.



Workers level of land west of the Village Hall to provide additional recreational space in the Village Center.

Special thanks this Christmas Season goes out to Beary Landscaping for the donation of a beautiful Christmas Tree for all residents to enjoy every Christmas Season for years to come.

The site is being seeded in anticipation of completion this spring. The land will continue to provide open access for events hosted in the Village Center, such as the annual Benefit Car Show. On December 5 at 4:30 p.m., the part of the site will be utilized for the upcoming annual Christmas Tree Lighting which this year includes free "Reindeer Rides" for the Children.

Please call 708-467-3700 for more information.

Friendly Reminders from your Friends at Public Works

Leafing

Leaf pick up will end with the first snow fall. No special trips can be made due to that our vehicles will be converted over for snow removal.

Snow

Public Works cannot be called to clear off public driveways. Once snow has been plowed on your street, please do not move it back into the street. Please help us keep the roads safe and passable.

Used Motor Oil

Used motor oil can be dropped off for recycling at no charge at Public Works, 8261 Willow Springs Road, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please do your part to keep our environment clean.

Deputy Fire Chief (and PW Director) GETS HITCHED!!!!



***Congratulations to John and Laurie De Haan
who were married on September 10, 2011!
Best wishes go out to the newlyweds!***

Historical Society

The Willow Springs Historical Society wishes to thank everyone for supporting us this past year at all of our events including the two Military Display days and the rededication of the C.C.C. Worker Statue. We still have history books for sale at the Village Hall for those who are interested. Also, we have two new members this year, Dave Wendell and Tino Gonzalez. We welcome them and remind everyone that we have our meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7:00p.m. The Museum is open on the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Stop by and see our continuing displays that change often with the help of Alice, Sue and Slim.

Senior Club

The Willow Springs Senior Club meets at 10:30AM on the third Tuesday of each month at the senior/community center at 8156 Archer Avenue. The meeting's begin at 11:00 AM and is followed by a catered lunch, raffle and bingo. At times a guest speaker is invited, giving information pertinent to seniors. We try to provide one outing each month for the enjoyment of our members.

Because of the disparity between the submission and printing of the last newsletter, we were unable to pay our respects to our former president, Maria Barsevich, who passed away June 14, 2011. She served in that position for 10 years with passion and dedication. She will always be remembered by those who served with her. In the interim, we have reorganized the staff temporarily and the new officers are Dolores Nedved, acting president, Jean Mrkacek, 1st Vice President, Sandra Munch, 2nd Vice President, Jean Faulk, Secretary, and MaryAnn Zima, treasurer. Also, Jean Faulk and Adrienne Hansen are working as co-historians. These positions were made final at the election of the officers held in November.

- The August trip was to Andersons Japanese Gardens in Rockford, and lunch at the Golden Dragon Restaurant.
- Our annual picnic was held at the Lions Park in September with a catered lunch, games and bingo! Among the game winners were, Grace Kapecki and Adele Zwinak, for the bean bag toss and Clarence Zima and Bob Faulk for the horseshoes. We were favored with a beautiful day and everyone had a great time.
- A trip to Frankfort to the Lincoln Way High School was our outing for October to see "Sister Robert Al-lens Cabaret Class" with lunch following at "Michaels" restaurant in Richton Park.
- A guest speaker at our October and November meetings was Senior Liason Officer Barbara Gagle, a member of our Village Police Force, who informed members of the many scams being done in the area. Everyone was warned to be especially careful at this time of year.
- On November 30th, members will attend a "Happenings" at the Silverlake Country Club. The entertainer is Eddie Cash, story teller and vocalist. Lunch will be served and bingo will be played.
- The Christmas Party, which is free to members, will be held at the Royalty West Banquet Hall on our regular meeting day. After a bountiful lunch, we will be entertained by a vocalist, Lisa Starr Weber.
- We will be celebrating New Years Eve at Nikos Restaurant with a generous repast and be entertained by Vito Zatto, comedian extraordinaire, and vocalist Kym Frankovelgia.
- The card room is open each Monday from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM with tournaments held from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. These will be held again in January 2012.
- The pinochle club is now meeting on Fridays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. New players are welcome!
- The "Book Swap" is open each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Now with the winter weather approaching is a great time to come in and pick up a few books to curl up with on a cold winter evening. New books are being added all the time and it is open to all adult village residents.

For any information regarding the above, please contact Dolores Nedved at 839-5696 or Jean Mrkacek at 839-1491.

Willow Springs Parks Committee News

On September 8, 2011 the WILLOW SPRINGS PARKS COMMITTEE hosted the September 11th Remembrance Ceremony at the Village Hall. We had Kevin Phillips, American Legion Post 832, present the Flag along with Troop 69 from Willow Springs. A special Thank You to, Mayor Alan Nowaczyk and Fire Chief Larry Moran, for their inspirational words. After the ceremony, a sweets table and refreshments were available for all.

On October 21, 2011 the WILLOW SPRINGS PARKS COMMITTEE hosted a "Family Movie Night." The flyer's appeared around town and also in the Willow Springs elementary school newsletter. A reply was requested if you were going to have a hot dog, chips and pop so we knew how much to purchase. We also had a Halloween theme craft table which was provided by Kim Maloney, Thank You Kim. The families enjoyed popcorn before, during and after the movies and the children enjoyed crafts during the entire evening. WSPC are planning more of these in the future, so watch for the flyers around town and in the Willow Springs school newsletters.

The EASTER BUNNY will be visiting Willow Springs on March 31, 2012 when WILLOW SPRINGS PARKS COMMITTEE has the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please put this date on your calendar.

WILLOW SPRINGS PARKS COMMITTEE largest fundraiser will be our PANCAKE BREAKFAST on April 21, 2012. Please put this on your calendar also. It is the fundraiser that pays for everything we do all year.

The WILLOW SPRINGS PARKS COMMITTEE raises all the funds, which in turn pays for all the events we sponsor. We need the communities continued help and participation so we can hold the Easter Egg Hunt, the Concert in the Park, the September 11th Remembrance Ceremony, and the Movie Nights. The costs add up and we constantly are coming up with new ways to entertain the residents of Willow Springs.

Have a wonderful holiday and a healthy new year!

Irene Haugen - Chair - WSPC
Beth Di Virgilio, Karen Melton,
Sandy Munch, Mike Smigielski

It's Time for Coffee and Conversation



You Are
Cordially
Invited to
Enjoy

"Coffee with the Mayor"

Saturday Jan.28
at: Village Hall - One Village Circle

Stop in for Coffee

Stay for the Conversation

Please join Mayor Alan Nowaczyk for another in a Series of Informal
Questions, Answers and Comments from your Willow Springs
Neighbors from **10 a.m. until Noon.**

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Contact Dawn Thrasher, Community Resource Coordinator for PADS, 708-754-4357, dawn@sspads.org to register for volunteer opportunities and to learn about the many opportunities available to support the PADS mission.

Property Tax Appeal Outreach Scheduled for December 19

Willow Springs Mayor Alan Nowaczyk and Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick will host a seminar on December 19 at the Senior/Community Center, 8156 Archer, at 7 p.m., for taxpayers seeking to appeal their 2011 property tax assessments.

The hour-long session will include a presentation by Board of Review Commissioner Dan Patlak outlining the overall appeal process, followed by an opportunity for taxpayers to work with the Board of Review to address their specific questions.

The events are free to the public and there is no fee to appeal at the Board of Review.

Taxpayers are asked to bring a copy of their most recent tax bill.

Appeal forms also may be picked up at the Board of Review located at 118 N. Clark Street, Room 601 in Chicago or at the Bridgeview Courthouse located at 10200 South 76th Ave, Room 237.

Taxpayers may also file an appeal online by visiting: www.cookcountyboardofreview.com.

Contact Commissioner Patlak's office at (312) 603-3644 with any questions



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